

Portsmouth School Committee Budget Workshop  
Monday, February 25, 2013, 6:30 PM  
Portsmouth High School Library

The meeting was called to order by the Mr. Croston at 6:05 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Croston, Chair; Terri Cortvriend, Vice Chair; Thomas Vadney, Clerk; Emily Copeland; Fred Faerber; Andrew Kelly; and John Wojichowski

**Also Present:** Dr. Lynn Krizic, Superintendent; Jeffrey Schoonover, Interim Director of Instruction and Assessment; and Patti Cofield, Administrative Assistant

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATION:**

None.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

3. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

A. Hathaway and Melville Budget Presentation/Discussion: Principals Suzanne Madden and Elizabeth Viveiros gave a Powerpoint presentation on the budgets for the elementary schools. Much discussion took place regarding the role and responsibilities of the literacy coaches. Teacher Karen Moore invited the School Committee members to visit her classroom to see Response to Intervention in motion and the valuable goal of the coaches and interventionists. Discussion also took place regarding the potential of having full-day kindergarten in the future. The elementary school budgets will be further discussed during the budget development.

B. Technology Budget Presentation/Discussion: Technology Director Rose Muller gave a Powerpoint presentation on the technology budget, including future needs and associated costs. Discussion ensued about the possibility of leasing computer equipment versus purchasing it, and requirements for the Bring Your Own Device program. The technology budget will be further discussed during the budget development.

C. Facilities Discussion re Warrant Funds: This item was tabled to the March 4<sup>th</sup> budget workshop.

D. Short- and Long-Term Capital Plan Discussion: Dr. Krizic and Mr. Schoonover gave a Powerpoint presentation on the short- and long-term capital plan needs. Mr. Schoonover reviewed proposed curriculum materials moving forward for FY14. Discussion ensued about professional development and potential cost effective ways to provide it moving forward. Discussion took place regarding Virtual High School and Virtual Learning.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Ms. Cortvriend and was seconded by Mr. Wojichowski to adjourn the meeting. So voted 7-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield

Recording Secretary for:

Thomas Vadney, Clerk